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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: NOMINATION OF MR. LASZLO HOOS FOR INDIVIDUAL IV GRANT

REF: BUDAPEST 0412

PART I - NOMINATION - JUSTIFICATION

NAME: LASZLO HOOS
TYPE OF GRANT: FUNCTION CODE 210, 30-DAY INDIVIDUAL IV GRANT.
AVAILABILITY DATES: MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 1976.
JUSTIFICATION: NOMINATED BY HUNGARIAN INSITUTE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS, INTERVIEWED AND APPROVED BY P&C BUDAPEST.
POST OBJECTIVES: GRANT SUPPORTS 1976 CPP OBJECTIVES.
VISA ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOTHING ON RECORD TO INDICATE INELIGIBILITY.

PART II - BIOGRAPHIC DATA

DATE OF BIRTH: JULY 18, 1931
PLACE OF BIRTH: SZEKESFEHERYAR, HUNGARY
SEX: MALE; MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED; CHILDREN: ONE.
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND: CIVIL ENGINEERING, POLITECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, 1953; ENGINEERING, HONOMICS DEGREE, KARL MARX ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY, 1962.
PRESENT POSITION: GENERAL MANAGER, HUNGARIAN MOTOR-WAY AND
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HONORS: ORDER OF LABOR (NATIONAL AWARD)
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH (POOR)
TRAVEL ABROAD: RESIDENT ENGINEER IN NIGERIA, 1967-68.
WEST GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, ITALY 1973.
ADDRESS: VI BUDAPEST, NEPKOZTARSASAG 9.
EMERGENCY ADDRESS: MRS. HOOS (WIFE), I BUDAPEST, BERC U. 11.

PART III - PROGRAMMING INFORATION.

HUNGARIAN MOTORWAY AND RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MAJOR ROADBUILDING AND RAILWAY
BUILDING IN HUNGARY AS WELL AS FOR THE BUDAPEST METRO
PROJECT AND OTHER KINDS OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS
RELATED TO TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. AS ITS GENERAL
MANAGER, MR. HOOS HOPES TO GET A THOROUGH LOOK AT
AS MANY ASPECTS OF AMERICAN ROAD BUILDING TECHNOLOGY
AS POSSIBLE DURING HIS 30-DAY GRANT.
THE FOLLOWING ARE HIS AREAS OF INTEREST:
A) ROAD BUILDING MACHINERY, TRAINING IN USE, SERVICE.
B) TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED IN KEEPING ROADS DRY DURING
CONSTRUCTION.
C) SUBGRADES AND BASE TECHNOLOGIES IN ROAD BUILDING.
D) TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS OF ASPHALT USE.
E) CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND CONDITIONS DETERMINING ITS
SELECTION OVER ASPHALT.
F) TECHNOLOGY OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.
G) STANDARDIZATION, ESTABLISHMENT OF ROAD SHOULDERS,
GUARD RAILS, TRAFFIC SIGNS, PARKING PLACES, ETC.
H) AMERICAN STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

HOOS IS MOST EAGER TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS HE CAN
ON ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION SITES. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT
HIS MEETINGS BE WITH MIDDLE-LEVEL PERSONNEL IN ORDER
TO AVOID PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS AND THUS PERMITTING
MORE TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. IN ADDITION
TO THE ABOVE AREAS HE HOPES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN RESEARCH
AND EXCHANGES OF LICENSES AND TECHNOLOGY.
IN CONSULTATION WITH HOOS, POST PROPOSES FOLLOWING
TYPES OF ACTIVITIES FOR HIS PROGRAM:
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A) MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING
NATIONAL HIGHWAY INSTITUTE, TO DISCUSS STANDARDS,
LAWS GOVERNING ROAD BUILDING, PLANS FOR FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT.
B) STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONS OF EITHER ILLINOIS OR
CALIFORNIA.
C) HIGHWAY RESEARCH BOARD (WASHINGTON) TO DISCUSS
NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR EXCHANGES.

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D) VISITS TO MAJOR ROAD BUILDING MACHINE COMPANIES SUCH AS CATERPILLER (PEORIA, ILL) AND BARBER-GREENE (AURORA, ILL).
E) MEETINGS WITH MAJOR CONTRACTORS SUCH AS MORRISON-KNUDSEN (NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFONRIA) AND BECHTEL INCLUDING VISITS TO CONSTRUCTION SITES.
F) VISITS TO RESEARCH INSTITUTES TO DISCUSS NEW TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO HIS INTERESTS.
HOOS' SIDE INTEREST IS MUSIC. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SEVERAL CONCERTS WHILE IN U.S. ALTHOUGH HOOS HAS SOME ENGLISH, HE WILL NEED ESCORT-INTERPRETOR.
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